



## News Notes

**Degree program** – The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in managerial economics. The non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. For more information, call 449-6364, e-mail [aphickam@ou.edu](mailto:aphickam@ou.edu) or visit [www.goou.ou.edu](http://www.goou.ou.edu).

**Reenlistment and reaffirmation ceremony** – Air Force enlisted members are invited to participate in a mass reenlistment and reaffirmation ceremony at 8 a.m. Sept. 18 to commemorate the Air Force's 59th Birthday. People should sign up by Saturday. For more information, contact Staff. Sgt. T.J. Hubbert at [tony.hubbert@hickam.af.mil](mailto:tony.hubbert@hickam.af.mil).

**Water conservation reminder for MFH** – Water conservation is vital to the entire Hickam community. The Military Family Housing asks that housing occupants limit lawn watering to 20 minutes for each spot and water from 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. People in odd-numbered houses should water on odd-numbered days and people in even-numbered houses should water on even-numbered days. These guidelines help ensure water stores are maintained throughout the warmer months.

For more information, contact Dave Stiner, base energy and water manager, at 448-2693.

**Job fair** – The Joint Employment Management System holds its 19th Annual Job Fair Wednesday at Club Pearl, Pearl Harbor from

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# How's your H-E-A-R-T rate?

By Lt. Col. Scott Frickenstein  
15th Services Squadron commander

Aloha Team Hickam! Many of you have recently told me that you’ve noticed the H-E-A-R-T placards in our 15th Services facilities. This catchy memory tool reminds each member of the Services Ohana that we aim to provide each of you - our customers - a Helpful attitude, Eye contact when you come in, an Audible welcome, Respect, and Thanks for being our guest.

These “hallmarks of Hickam Services” are also great habits for aiming to become a genuine servant leader. Let’s look at each one of these habits for a moment:

**Helpful attitude:** Servant leaders realize that their role is to serve-not to be served. A fellow services commander and mentor depicts his organization chart “upside down” with him at the bottom, making it clear to his people that he exists to take care of his people - not vice versa.

**Eye contact:** We can all remember times when we’ve entered a business or

office and the staff did not even acknowledge our presence. I’ve even walked out of a few places that wouldn’t “give me the time of day.” Servant leaders look their people in the eye. When they make eye contact, they’re saying “I value you.” Eye contact is also the first step to becoming an effective listener-another trick in the servant leader’s tool bag.

**Audible welcome:** Today’s leaders carry a great deal of responsibility and can easily become burdened by demanding days and the rapid pace of change. Servant leaders realize that

their organization will mirror their demeanor-the old adage “Mama not happy, nobody happy” rings true. Dale Carnegie and many others have reminded us that a simple, considerate “Good morning!” can put a whole new spin on someone’s day.

**Respect:** Servant leaders master this key aspect of human relations. They treat their followers with respect-the way they want to be treated. I was amazed to learn that “the Golden Rule” can be found in various forms in every major culture and religion.

**Thank them:** Each member of your unit is tal-

ented in many ways. Most would have little difficulty finding employment in the private sector due to the vast array of skills they possess. For a variety of reasons, though, they have chosen to dedicate a significant portion of their lifespan to serving our great nation. Servant leaders do not take this fact lightly.

The greatest leaders I’ve been privileged to know during two decades “in the blue” have been true servant leaders. Each of them led with mass amounts of heart, and each also had “H-E-A-R-T.” As I close, I invite you to check your H-E-A-R-

T rate:

H: Our actions are based on our attitudes-do your actions as a leader convey a helpful attitude?

E: Do you make eye contact with those you lead?

A: Do you greet those you meet?

R: Are you leading in a way that you’d want to be led?

T: When was the last time you thanked members of your duty section for their service?

Mahalo for tuning in, and on behalf of my entire squadron, thanks for the privilege of serving you and your families and friends.

## Airmen must be mentally, physically ready

By Tech. Sgt. Mauricio Defreitas  
Det. 1, 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

It’s late in the afternoon March 20, 2003. A couple of Marines emerge from their Humvee’s a few yards from mine, screaming “incoming.” I scramble to my assigned makeshift bunker, a big hole in the ground, which is about two miles from the Iraq-Kuwait border.

I’m physically making sure my gas mask and M-16 rifle are readily available while watching scud missiles thunder over my head towards Kuwait. I’m hoping there aren’t any chemical agents in

those missiles. I’m quick to realize this is not a movie, this is real life, and this is war.

I’m an Air Force “AirEvac” medic embedded with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force as part of an Air Force Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility. These are the opening scenes of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As the war is unfolding before my very eyes, the last thing on my mind is wondering whether my power of attorney is up to date or did I set up the allotments for my dependents. I must remain focused on the job that I have been trained to do. In today’s Global War on Terrorism, every Airman is an Expeditionary Air-

man. That means every Airman has to be ready mentally, technically and physically.

The ready Airman must be ready mentally. The issues from home can take away from the focus on the mission. To be ready, one must make sure that one’s dependents are properly supported and cared for. This means making sure the finances are in order and spouses have access to all finances. Another readiness issue is making sure powers of attorney and wills are up to date. You would want your family to be taken care of if something were to happen to you.

The ready Airman must be ready technically. The Air Force

has given all the tools necessary to accomplish the mission. Take advantage of the training offered. Don’t groan on the fact that you have to sit through another self aid and buddy care class. The skills you learn may save yours or someone else’s life some day. Pay attention to the instructor in chemical warfare class. You don’t want to be wondering if you properly prepped your gas mask while having to don it for real. You must accomplish the mission proficiently. People’s lives depend on it.

The ready Airman must be ready physically. As Airmen are assuming more ground combat and combat support roles, there

are grueling physical demands placed on them. Most Airmen have to work long hours, practically everyday of the week, especially if they’re downrange. The Air Force has implemented a physical training program to prepare Airmen for rigors of a wartime ops tempo. Maximize your physical training. An Airman fit to fight can handle the physical demands placed on them in today’s wartime environment.

The ready Airman is the most valuable asset to the defense of this wonderful country. Airmen must prepare themselves mentally, technically, and physically so they can accomplish the mission ... be ready.

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

I urge you to use the normal chain of command first. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Hazardous material disposal

**Comment:** “I moved out of my base house this week and had several half empty containers of hazardous materials that I wanted to take care of properly. The Hickam housing office referred me to the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron who in turn, told me to call housing back.

The Hickam housing office provided me with a 67 character website to find the location nearest to me that will dispose of hazardous materials. I also went to Firestone and asked if they would take my motor oil and antifreeze and dispose of it for me. The man there told me to put it in the trunk of my car or maybe the auto hobby shop could use it.

When a family moves off island (sometimes without the sponsor around as in my case) they have many other things that must be taken care of. They may not have the time to figure out what to do with a half empty can of oil based paint or motor oil. I think that more often than not, people simply take the hazardous materials and throw them away in a regular dumpster. The waste will then be taken to a landfill and could possibly contaminate the environment.

I know Team Hickam would like to do everything possible to keep Oahu and the surrounding area safe and as

beautiful tomorrow as it is today. I suggest Hickam open a hazardous materials disposal site. In the meantime, the Hickam housing office could find out where the nearest disposal site is and make this information readily available. This would prevent us from damaging our environment.

**Response:** Thank you for your e-mail. With the permanent change of station season upon us, this is an issue that needs re-emphasizing.

The Air Force cannot fund the cost of disposal for hazardous materials, hazardous waste or privately owned appliances from base housing.

All families regardless if you live on or off-base may use the City and County of Honolulu Drop-Off Convenience Centers for Refuse and Recycling to dispose of these items. The Convenience Center nearest Hickam is the Keehi Transfer Station at 606 Middle Street in Honolulu; open noon to 6 .m. Monday through Saturday, 845-1162.

Information on the location, hours of operation and general rules and procedures for all Convenience Centers is available at the following web sites: [http://www.opala.org/waste\\_disposal\\_at\\_home/convenience\\_centers.html](http://www.opala.org/waste_disposal_at_home/convenience_centers.html) or [http://www.opala.org/waste\\_disposal\\_at\\_home/household\\_hazardous\\_waste.html](http://www.opala.org/waste_disposal_at_home/household_hazardous_waste.html)

The second web site has information on how to safely and legally dispose of many materials such as oil and paint in your own household trash.

Additionally, the AAFES Firestone Station on Hickam will accept old car batteries for disposal free of charge, even if you have not purchased a new one. Finally, hazardous waste pick-up is a desired feature in our Phase II privatization.

The developer who is awarded the contract may decide to provide this service in the future. Again, thank you for your concern for our precious environment.



## Hickam Diamond Tips

### Ring standards

Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. People cannot wear more than three rings. Wedding sets count as one ring.

Source: 97th Air Force Uniform Board Questions? Contact your First Sergeant.

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### Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center  
449-0300  
Life Skills Support Center  
449-0175  
Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373  
Base Chaplain  
449-1754  
Military Family Abuse Shelter  
533-7125  
SARC Hotline  
449-7272



# 15th SFS requests help at gates

**By Maj. Michael Florio**

15th Security Forces Squadron commander

Members of the 15th Security Forces Squadron understand it can be very frustrating facing the morning traffic surge at the gates each morning. They are working hard to ensure the gates run as efficiently as possible, however, they need help from people coming through the gates each morning. To help maintain a more smooth flow of traffic, motorists should follow a few simple guidelines when approaching the gate.

They should have their ID out of their wallet and ready to hand to the guard. Guards have to check the front and back of the card so motorists should take it out of any holders, including plastic ones.

Also, when contractors come through the gate with other contractors in the car or a visitor to the base without a common access card, security forces will have to see every-

one's identification.

Motorists should also take off sunglasses or tinted eye glasses and motorcyclists will have to remove their helmet if the guards cannot see their facial features.

This can seem to be a hassle to travelers but it is for their safety as gate guards have to see their face in order to validate the ID card.

People with rental cars, should ensure they have their rental agreement out of any containers and hand it to the guard. This facilitates security forces' ability to match up the persons information and the vehicle information.

Finally, motorists are asked to stay alert to traffic and be courteous to other drivers. Working together can decrease the time it takes a traveler to get through the gate.

For more information on 15th SFS policies, call the security forces operations officer at 448-2320.



Members of the 15th Security Forces Squadron wave traffic through the gate during the morning rush hour. Travelers can help the flow of traffic by having ID cards ready and staying alert and courteous to other drivers.

Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

## PME

# NCOs graduate Hickam military academy

**By Master Sgt.**

**Vanessa Smallsbryant**

Professional Military Education Center Director of Education

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation banquet for NCO Academy Class 06-3 Wednesday at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Chief Master Sgt. Richard Gornal, 15th Airlift Wing PME center, commandant, was the guest speaker for the event.

Tech. Sgt. Diane Kelsey, 324th Intelligence Squadron, earned the John L. Levitow Award. Tech. Sgt. William Parker, 15th Medical Operations Squadron, earned the commandant award. Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Nelson, Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Center, earned the academic achievement and the distinguished graduate awards.

Other distinguished graduates included Tech. Sgts. Shonda Spencer, Kenney Headquarters, LaShanda Brown, Det. 2, Air Combat Command Air Operations Squadron, Kathlina Racine, 324th Intelligence Squadron, and Tracy Washington, 15th Medical Operations Squadron.

During the 28-day course, the students were challenged with objective and performance evaluations based upon leadership, interpersonal relationships, and the Profession of Arms. They had to demonstrate willingness to work as part of a team and prove their ability to lead in complex situations. In addition to meeting the demands of the Academy's academic discipline, the graduates also involved themselves in the local community.

During their off-duty time, the students installed three basketball goal poles and expanded a parking area on Hickam school grounds for the teachers' cars and the students' bicycles. The class also invested off-duty time supporting Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry. Lastly, members of the class assisted the faculty with the school-sponsored Adopt-A-Highway cleanup program.

Upon graduation from the NCO Academy, each student receives twelve college credits from the Community College of the Air Force. Graduation from the NCO Academy completes the second of

four levels of enlisted professional military education.

The graduates of NCO Academy Class 06-3 are:

**6th Field Investigations RG**  
Allyson Cary

**Kenney Headquarters**  
Shonda Spencer

**15th Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Alexis Anderson  
David Potter

**15th Communications Squadron**  
Steven Hartsell  
Michael Rayno  
Sarita Williams

**15th Maintenance Operations Squadron**  
Jason Abernathy  
Mala Heaney  
Michael Venturina

**15th Maintenance Squadron**  
Bradley Green

**15th Medical Operations Squadron**  
William Parker  
Tracy Washington

**15th Medical Support Squadron**  
Robert Joseph

**56th Air and Space Communications Squadron**  
Danilo Sanjuan  
William Wallace

**15th Operations Support**

**Squadron**  
Chuvala Thomas

**15th Security Forces Squadron**  
Phillip Parker

**15th Services Squadron**  
Cowan Smith

**17th Operational Weather Squadron**  
Gary Lam  
Bernard Moyer

**25th Air Support Operations Squadron**  
Richard Setlock

**48th Aerial Port Squadron**  
Nemesis Escosio

**56th Air Operations Squadron**  
Debra Miller  
Jay Smith

**203rd Air Refueling Squadron**  
Galen Ho

**324th Intelligence Squadron**  
Terry Burson  
Diane Kelsey  
Michelle Larison  
Gary Quan  
Kathlina Racine  
Jeffrey Tisher  
Nina Ung

**735th Air Mobility Squadron**  
Theodore Brown  
James Willis

**Pacific Command**  
Jeremy Carter

Rodney Hill  
Jeremy Nelson  
Hallie Williams

**352nd Information Operations Squadron**  
Sally Moore

**502nd Air Operations Squadron**  
Kenneth McDaniel

**535th Airlift Squadron**  
Annessa Culbreth

**Det. 2, Air Combat Command Air Operations**  
LaShanda Brown

**Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command**  
Anna Blundell

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Shawn Douville  
Erika Gilyard  
Alexander Rondero  
El Marcelo Rone  
Elizandro Rucoba

**692nd Intelligence Squadron**  
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**Air Force Element**  
Corey Dodd  
David Smith

**U.S. Strategic Command**  
Daniel Baker

## Donating blood can save lives

**By Master Sgt. Jennifer Breton and Tech. Sgt. Carrie Baker**  
Hickam Blood Program co-managers

Donating blood is something people can give of themselves. It only costs an hour or so of time and the results can save lives.

Every fourth Thursday of the month, people can do their part by participating in Hickam's monthly blood drives.

The Department of Defense has its own blood collection and distribution system that sets them apart from their civilian counterparts. For Hawaii, the Blood Donor Center at Tripler Army Medical Center feeds into the Armed Services Blood Program. The other providers of blood products in Hawaii do not support the war effort.

"Blood saves lives, bottom line," said Capt. George Hestilow, U.S. Central Command joint blood officer assigned to the Combined Air Operations Center here. "Blood supply units at forward locations depend on us to keep their supplies

at the appropriate levels."

The ASBP supplies blood and blood products for the 1.3 million servicemembers and their families across the nation and around the globe. Since the Korean War the military blood program has provided more than 1.5 million units of blood to treat sick and injured servicemembers on the battlefield. Today the program must maintain 65,000 units of frozen blood and 5,000 units of liquid cells at all times in order to meet readiness requirements.

In addition to providing blood to those in critical need in combat situations, the ASBP also supports the peacetime needs of military personnel and their families. Blood must be available to military hospitals outside of the theater of operations for scheduled and emergency procedures.

It may seem like the military collects a lot of blood, but it is necessary because of the unique operations of servicemembers.

Every year military hospitals

transfuse more than 54,000 units of red cells, more than 20,000 units of plasma, and more than 5,000 units of platelets.

Each military hospital requires approximately 75 blood products a day to treat its patients.

Red blood cells last just 35-42 days.

Platelets last only five days.

If the ASBP does not have enough donors to meet the needs of a sick or injured servicemember or military family member, blood products must be purchased from civilian agencies. Blood purchased from these agencies costs approximately \$250 per unit and may not be available when urgently needed. The more money used by the military to purchase blood, the less there is available for other military programs.

For more information, contact a unit blood drive representative or either of the Hickam Blood Program co-managers, Master Sgt. Jennifer Breton at 448-2167 or Tech. Sgt. Carrie Baker at 449-0259.

## CGOC donates money for ball

Hickam CGO Council

The Air Force will be 59 years old this year and Pacific Air Forces is celebrating the birthday Sept. 23 with a birthday bash at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

An event this size calls for a considerable amount of funds and that is why the Birthday Ball committee sent out a request to Team Hickam's private organizations to begin raising funds in order to offset the costs for this grand event, including reducing the ticket costs for young Airmen. The Hickam Company Grade Officer's Council was one of the first private organizations to answer the call for assistance with its Krispy Kreme sale. More than \$1,600 was raised from the doughnut sale, of which \$600 was donated to Col. Jacqueline Walsh, 692nd Intelligence Group commander and Birthday Ball coordinator.

"We are really grateful to the CGOC for this money and I know Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF/ commander and Birthday Ball host, will appreciate it as well," said Colonel Walsh soon after receiving

the donation from 1st Lt. Stuart Churchill, Hickam CGOC president, and 1st Lt Geoffrey Levine, Hickam CGOC secretary.

"We were able to raise money for two good causes, the Birthday Ball and our scholarship fund," said Lieutenant Churchill.

The Hickam CGOC will use some of the proceeds from its fundraiser to establish two \$250 scholarships for active-duty Air Force dependents currently in their senior year in high school or already attending college.

"We wanted to give back to the community," said Lieutenant Levine.

As a reminder, the Hickam CGOC holds monthly meetings the first Friday of every month at 3 p.m. in the officer's club. This meeting is open to all Air Force CGOs assigned to Hickam and throughout the island of Oahu. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Stuart Churchill at 449-0331 or Capt Cornell Cornelius at 448-1577, or visit <https://sps.hickam.af.mil/sites/CGOC/default.aspx>.



# Avoid delays

## Know latest AMC regulations

By Kirsten Tacker  
Kukini Photojournalist

When there are security changes at the nation’s airports, the same measures apply to people traveling on all Air Mobility Command flights.

The nation’s security threat level is now at its highest, as part of the new security measures passengers will not be permitted to carry certain items onto the aircraft in carry-on luggage. These prohibited items may be placed on passenger’s checked baggage.

Banned from carry-on luggage are any kinds of liquids or gels, beverages, toothpaste, creams, hand and suntan lotions or similar items.

“With the heightened security it means we have to step it up or increase the amount of bags we have to check,” said Senior Master Sgt. Phillip Gawan, 735th Air Mobility Squadron. Here in this terminal, we actually do 100 percent inspection of all hand carried items.”

Since the new security procedures were applied a couple of weeks ago, AMC bag handlers are still finding a lot of items on passenger’s carry-on luggage. It is requested that in cooperating with this new screening process, travelers are prepared before they arrive.

“Any liquid, gels or lotions cannot go in carry-on luggage, because it has been discovered that they can actually make bombs out of that material,” said Sergeant Gawan. “Now, if you run a bag on the x-ray machine, everything is considered suspect.”

As a result of the additional security, Hickam’s AMC terminal has increased their surveillance.

“Before the heightened security we were still checking for bombs or anything that looks like a bomb,” said Sergeant

**To ensure the health and welfare of certain air travelers the following items are permitted.**

- Small amounts of Baby formula and breast milk if a baby or small child is traveling
- Liquid prescription medicine with a name that matches the passenger’s ticket
- Up to 5 oz. (148ml) of liquid or gel low blood sugar treatment
- Up to 4 oz. of essential non-prescription liquid medications including saline solution, eye care products and KY jelly
- Gel-filled bras and similar prosthetics
- Gel-filled wheelchair cushions
- Life support and life sustaining liquids such as bone marrow, blood products, and transplant organs carried for medical reasons

Gawan. “We’ve always been doing that and screening, just like the airport does.”

AMC employees have had to adjust their schedules as well, moving up all their time slots and adding more people in their processing line to accommodate for the changes.

“People have been very receptive, it is for their own safety,” said Sergeant Gawan. “Although we are really still having problems getting the people to comply. The message we want to send out to the public is they will hear the announcements over and over again inside the terminal. It is also posted all over the terminal, so go ahead and take it out of the bags.”

Being informed is a time saver that only benefits the traveler.

“We give them all the information they need and you can give them the We site as well,” said Sergeant Gawan. “This is available nationwide, it only benefits them because they are the ones that are going to get delayed.”

The website covers restrictions and what is permitted. The Web site also covers electronic devices and what travelers can and cannot have in their carry-on and checked luggage.

The Web site is <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm>

# Welcome home



Photo by Senior Airman Erin Smith

Senior Airmen Phuong Huynh, left, and Amy Loeun, 15th Security Forces Squadron, enjoy food during a squadron barbecue after coming back from a deployment to Afghanistan. The event welcomed about 30 Airmen home from their deployments.



# Mahalo bash



Members from Pacific Air Forces and Kenney Headquarters enjoy a barbecue during the annual Mahalo Bash. More than 600 people were at the event which included a volleyball tournament, tug-o-war and children's games.

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10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fair is open to active duty members, their family, retirees, Guard and Reserve members, and DoD and Coast Guard employees with base access. Children are not allowed at the event. Parking will be available in the bachelor quarters parking lot, adjacent to Club Pearl.

About 100 local businesses, mainland companies and federal, state and government agencies will be recruiting for all types of positions. For more information, visit [www.JEMSjobs.com](http://www.JEMSjobs.com).

**Fall classes** – Registration for Fall Term college courses runs through Oct. 6. Active-duty Airmen can request tuition assistance on line through the Air Force Virtual Education Center site until Oct. 1. For more information, call 449-6363 ext. 225.

**Women's retreat** – The Catholic women's retreat at the Benedictine Monastery is Oct. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch and childcare provided. People must register by Oct. 2. For

more information, call 839-4319 or e-mail [MCCWHawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:MCCWHawaii@yahoo.com).

**Voting hotline** – The Installation Voting Office has a voting hotline, 448-2310.

People should call this hotline or contact their unit voting assistance counselor for the Federal postcard application. All federal postcard applications should be mailed by Sept. 15 to receive absentee ballot materials in time for the Nov. 7 election.

## Crime Scene

### Theft

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported her ID card stolen.

A retired Army spouse reported her purse and ID card stolen.

### Major traffic accident with injuries

An accident investigator and security forces personnel responded to a vehicle accident. The investigation revealed that one person failed to yield at an intersection causing the accident with the other vehicle. The person at fault was issued a DD FM 1408 for failure to yield.

### Shoplifting

An active-duty Navy spouse was detained at the BXtra for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise was \$47.

A child of a retired Army member was detained at the BXtra for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise was \$16.87.

A sister of a military spouse was detained at the BXtra for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise was \$68.

An active-duty Air Force dependant was detained at the BXtra for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise

was \$14.05. An active-duty Navy member was detained at the base exchange for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise was \$174.

### Child neglect

Security forces was notified of possible child neglect. An active-duty Air Force member left her two children in a vehicle unattended.

### Malicious mischief

A Hickam Elementary employee reported someone had overturned a play set, removed some banners located on the exterior classroom wall and uprooted the hedge plants.

### Personal property damage

An active-duty Air Force spouse reported another Air Force spouse was accusing them of damaging their vehicle.

### Domestic verbal altercation

Security forces were notified of a verbal dispute. Respective first sergeants were contacted and assumed control of the situation, placing a no contact order on both parties.

### Minor vehicle accident

Security forces were notified of a minor traffic accident involving a civilian contractor at the search area of Kuntz gate. There was no damage to the vehicle. There was minor damage to the bottom beam of the catwalk.



# Protecting forces while deployed

**By Senior Airmen  
James Croxon and  
Kerry Solan-Johnson**  
332d Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq**  
— The Iraqis teeming outside the gates of Balad Air Base each morning are the best part of Staff Sgt. Michael Davis' day.

"This is the job where most people feel like they're really contributing something," said Sergeant Davis, 332d Security Forces Squadron force protection, deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. "The interaction we have with (Iraqis) isn't something most Airmen experience in Iraq."

The Airmen who meet the Iraqis in the mornings are the catalyst for force protection's largest piece of the mission at Balad. Without these Airmen, vital projects around base such as cleaning portable toilets and filling sandbags would fall back on the shoulders of the wing.

The North Gate force protection mission puts Airmen in direct contact with the Iraqi people. Each day Iraqis line up at the gate to be processed for work on various projects. They are searched, receive identification and are loaded up on buses to be taken to various sites, Staff Sergeant Davis said. Two Airmen typically guard up to 10 workers.

As Iraqis fill sandbags, and work various construction projects from total runway reconstruction to semi-permanent storage buildings, Airmen closely watch the workers, protecting Air Force assets. This translates in to long days in the blazing sun.

"Force protection puts a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of these Airmen," said Tech. Sgt. Mason Poe, a Reservist from the 445th Air-lift Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "Many senior airmen and even an occasional airman first class are in charge of

their own escort crews."

Most Airmen volunteer for force protection duty, and often find the job is more than what they expected.

"I'd actually rather be doing my normal job here, but getting to work with local nationals is rewarding," said Senior Airman Marques Caudle, a heating, ventilation and air conditioning apprentice deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. "You feel like you're making a connection with them."

"I've learned more about the Iraqi culture than I thought I would," said Airman 1st Class Jacob Law, an intelligence troop deployed from Hickam. "We get told not to build relationships with the people we escort, but I didn't know it was going to be difficult. I think many Airmen have a negative opinion of the Iraqis but never get to interact with them. We get to see them as kind people who just want to work, feed their families and help us rebuild the country."



Photo by Senior Airman James Croxon

**Staff. Sgt. Michael Davis, 332nd Security Forces Squadron force protection deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany sweeps Iraqi workers with a metal detector as they prepare to enter Balad Air Base, Iraq. Iraqis work on base filling sandbags and working various construction projects ranging from total runway reconstruction to semi-permanent storage buildings.**





## SVS increases various prices

Beginning Oct. 1, several pricing and fee adjustments will take place throughout 15th Services Squadron facilities.

One key program that will be affected is the Fitness and Sports Center's Group Exercise Classes, where there will be charges for "enhanced" exercise classes. Enhanced classes include yoga, spinning, kickboxing, power pump and other classes offered over and above the 15 weekly core classes, required by Air Force Instructions. There will be a charge of \$2 for each enhanced class, with discounts for 10- or 20-class ticket books. This charge will help offset instructor fees for paid instructors and will provide the squadron the means to reinvest in their equipment. The Hickam Fitness and Sports Center continues to be a great value compared with commercial fitness clubs on the Island where monthly dues can range from \$40 to \$65, not including additional fees, some in excess of \$150.

Another area that will see a fee adjustment is at Mamala Bay Golf Course. Daily green fees will increase by \$2. Annual green fees will increase by 5 percent and golf cart rental will increase by \$1.

This increase is the first in over two years and will support the extremely aggressive maintenance plan exceeding one million dollars over the next five years. 15th Services is very proud of the condition of Mamala Bay -- one of the most affordable military courses on O'ahu -- way below the local competitors whose prices range from \$39 to \$145.

Other programs that will see fee adjustments include the wood shop, the community center and youth programs. These adjustments will enable the 15th Services Squadron to continue providing world-class facilities, programs and services.

The price increase is partly because energy prices have increased by 50 percent over the last three years, driving up the cost of labor, supplies and nearly everything people use day to day.

The 15th Services Squadron has also experienced increased costs and must adjust prices to keep up with inflation. These pricing adjustments will allow the squadron to reinvest in their facilities, pay employees competitive wages and provide quality programs and services that customers demand. *(Information courtesy of 15th Services Squadron Marketing Department)*

### Retiree night buffet

All military retirees are invited to a retiree night buffet tonight in the O'ahu Room of the enlisted club. The buffet line opens at 5:30 p.m. and costs \$19.95. There is a \$10 Members First discount. Enjoy ballroom dance music from 6 to 11 p.m., enter a couples dance contest or a best-dressed contest. For more information, call 448-2271.

### Officers' Club First Friday

"Saddle up and git the doggies along" for tonight's Western Roundup at the Officers' Club First Friday from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Koa Lounge. DJ Pat Miller spins country-western music. Don't forget your cowboy hat and boots. For more information, call 448-4608.

### Wine tasting

Sniff, swirl and sip. Wine never tasted so good. The Officers' Club hosts a wine tasting tonight from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Koa Lounge. This is a Members Only event and membership cards are required for admittance. For more information, call 448-4608.

### Hickam invitational



The 54-Hole Hickam invitational golf tournament begins today and continues until Sept. 10 at Mamala Bay Golf Course. During this time, the course will be closed to open play. For more information, call 449-6490.

### Halo and paintball tournament

The Joint Service Halo and Paintball Tournament will be held at Pearl Harbor today and tomorrow. Hickam is the current title holder. Sign up through the Community Center. For more information, call 449-6758.

### Sewing machine celebration

Thimble makers may not have celebrated the invention of the sewing machine, but darn near everyone else did. The Arts and Crafts Center commemorates this historic anniversary with demos and make 'n' take sewing projects Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 449-1568.

### Sea Breeze Restaurant renovations

The Sea Breeze Restaurant will remain closed until Sept. 19 for facility improvements. The Sand Bar & Grill will be open as usual. For more information, call 449-9900.

### Wright Bros. maintenance

The Wright Bros. Café and Grille will close for maintenance Monday at 1 p.m. It will reopen Tuesday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 448-4608, ext. 39.

### Enlisted Club maintenance

The Enlisted Club will be closed for maintenance Monday until 3 p.m. For more information, call 448-2271.

### A Taste of Hickam Clubs

The 2006 Air Force Club Membership Campaign continues through Nov. 30. Join the Enlisted or Officers' Clubs during this time and receive one month free dues, a special new member coupon book, entry forms for weekly prize drawings and a chance to win one of two Hummer H3s.

"A Taste of Hickam Clubs" is free and open to all Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event happens across from the Enlisted Club in the Dorm Picnic area and features free food and beverage tasting, games, music and more. For more information, call the E' Club at 448-2271 or the O' Club at 448-4608.

### NAF sale

The 15th Services Squadron is sponsoring a NAF Sale of surplus items from its facilities and offices Sept. 15. Items for sale include furniture, TVs, kitchenware, sports equipment and much more - all at bargain prices. Active duty personnel and their spouses may start shopping at 8 a.m., retirees and spouses may start at 9 a.m. and DoD civilians are invited to come at 10 a.m. The sale will last until 2 p.m. For more information, call 448-4258.

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**Boys and girls club day for kids**

Sept. 16 is a special day that will be fun for the whole family. Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids will be held at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include inflatable joust, Kiddieland, family games, pick-it-and-paint-it ceramics and more. For more information, call 449-2361.

**Windsurfing days at Hickam Harbor**

Glide above the surf with the freedom of the wind during Windsurfing Days at Hickam Harbor on Sept. 16. Instructors will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to give demonstrations and lessons. The \$20 fee includes two hours of instruction, rental and safety gear. For more information, reservations and times call 449-5215.

**Sailboat checkout sale**

Sale away and save \$20 during the Sailboat Checkout Sale Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hickam Harbor.  
The fee of \$20 per person includes boat rental, safety gear and an instructor. Space is

limited. For more information and reservations, call 449-5215.

**Tailgate sale**

One man’s treasure might be found in another man’s tailgate. And for a bargain price, at that. The next Tailgate Sale is Sept. 16 from 7 to 10 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot. For more information, call 449-2361.

**Nintendogs toy drive dance**

Help the Nintendogs Club collect toys for the Hawai’i Humane Society. Bring a new doggie toy to the Nintendogs Toy Drive Dance Sept. 16 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and get into the dance for free. Or pay just \$5 to help Fido play fetch. For more information, call 448-2296.

**Kindermusik classes**

Kindermusik is an early childhood music and movement program with parental participation. Classes are held at the Community Center for youngsters aged birth to 18

months, 18 months to three years and 3-5 years. The 12-week fall session begins Sept. 19. For more information, call 449-3354 or the teacher, Caren at 422-6437.

**Team Hickam Sports Day**

Team spirit peaks during Team Hickam Sports Day Sept. 22. Registration continues until Sept. 15 through Unit Fitness and Sports Advisory Committee representatives. Events include volleyball, bed races, kayak races, horseshoes, fitness challenge and tug-o-war. For more information, call 448-4640 or 448-2214.

**Football Frenzy**

Football Frenzy has made a touchdown at J.R. Rockers at the Enlisted Club. Club members of all ranks can fill out an entry form for a chance to win a trip to the Super Bowl.  
And all are invited to play “Fantasy Football” by picking the winning teams and guessing the score of each Monday night game. The overall winner will receive free

Pro Bowl tickets and other prizes. For more information, call 448-2271.

**Lunch ‘n’ bowl**

It’s a uniform advantage. All this month, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, military personnel in uniform who make any purchase of \$5 or more at the Kau Kau Korner snack bar get up to three free games of bowling at the Bowling Center. All customers can strike this same deal during these hours on Tuesdays. For more information, call 449-2702.

**Southeast Asia highlights tour**

Time is running out to sign up for this exotic trip to Southeast Asia touring Oct. 5 - 17. Travelers will spend four nights in Bangkok, Thailand, three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia and three nights in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The cost is \$2,295 per person, based on double occupancy. For more information, call 448-2295.

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